

**"These Are Not Your  
Bullies!!!!!"**

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# How did you Define Bullying When You Were in School?

- Isolation
- Put Downs
- Name Calling
- Taunting
- Isolated Physical Contact

# How Would you Define Bullying Today?

- Threats
- Profanity
- Cyber Attacks
- Hazing
- Assaults

# Should the Following Activities be Classified as Bullying?

- Threats (verbal and cyber)
- Abusive and Profane Language
- Online Exploitation
- Assault and Battery
- Hazing

“Over the Line” At Some Point Bullying May Actually Be a Criminal Offense



# Why Has Bullying Behavior Drastically Changed in Our Society?

- Is it our Schools?
- Is it our Communities?
- Is it our Culture?

# Culture

The way we **WERE**  
is not the way we  
**ARE !!!!**

The activities that we label as “Bullying” may be culturally relevant but “inappropriate”

The issue is clearly  
that culture is setting  
climate and creating  
victimization

## Alexis Pilkington

An early High School graduate with a scholarship to go to college was harassed and threatened on Facebook to such a degree that she ended up killing herself on March 21, 2010. After her death people still continued to leave insults on her memorial page on Facebook.

## Hunter Tejeda

A fifth-grader was attacked by 5 older boys with tree branches the size of an arm. The police called it bullying even after seeing that the youngster had cuts, bruises, and a large bump on his head.

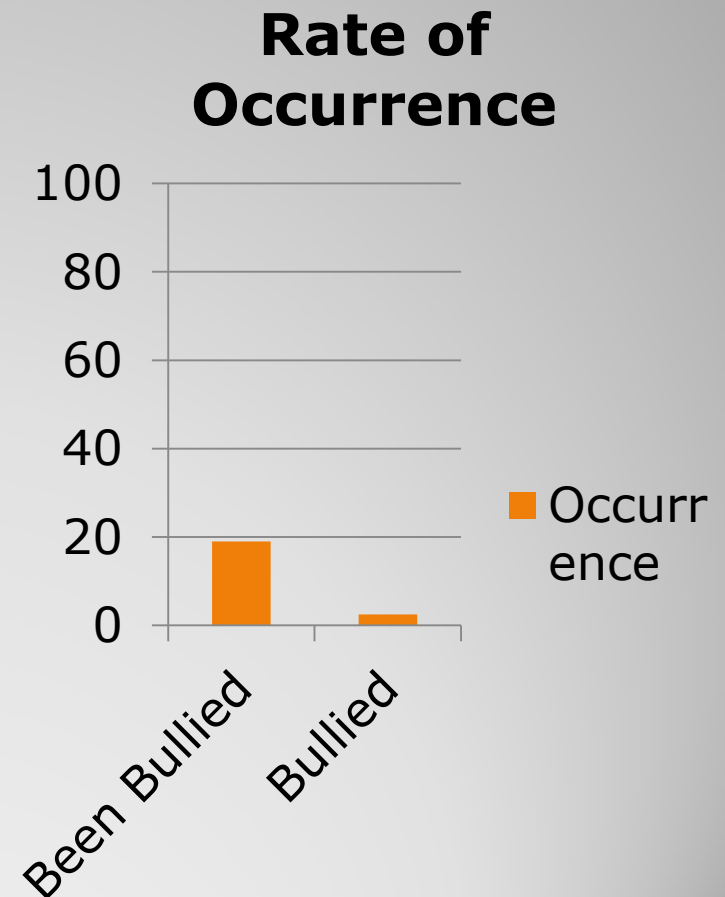
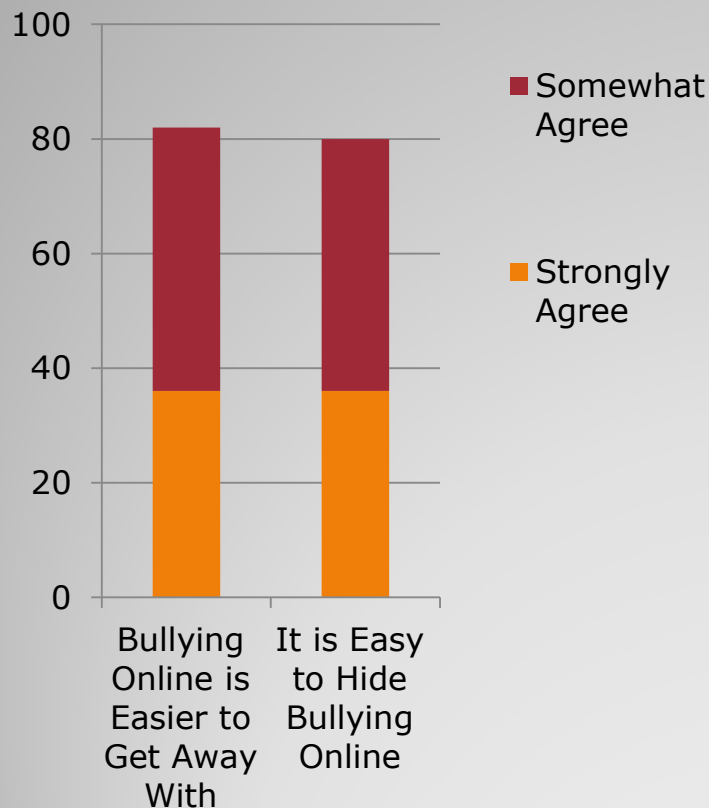
# Bullying in America

32 % of students aged 12-18 reported being bullied

- Of that, 11% were pushed, shoved, tripped, or spit on. 19% of them were injured as a result of these actions.
- 21% were called names or insulted

79% of bullying occurs in the school and 23% occurs on the play ground.

# Cyber Bullying



Source: Cox Communications Teen Online & Wireless Safety Survey

U.S. Secretary of Education  
calls Bullying “A Gateway to  
Hate” – Arne Duncan

The U.S. Justice  
Department is Considering  
Specific Forms of Bullying  
and Hazing as “Hate  
Crimes”

# Civil Rights

- Bullying is quickly turning into a major civil rights issue for youth in America.
  - In Today's "Youth Culture" bullying has graduated from "child's play" to extreme cases of tormenting and abuse.

This is not about someone simply being left out. This is about real victimization

# The Equation for “Bullying” and Civil Rights

- Students are mandated to attend school
- It exists in a public building
- Their caretakers are public employees
- They face social interaction with individuals they may not choose
- They exist in an institution that is protected by law and administrative process
- They have the right to due process not simply as students, but as citizens
- They have the right to be protected as a measure of due process

Civil Rights is a Guideline for Behavior and  
Can Not be Segregated to a Building or  
Setting

# 10 Ways to Increase Bullying in Your School and Community

1. Treat bullying as a simple school issue.
2. Believing that bullying is a rite of passage for kids.
3. Believe that today's bullies are like when you were in school.
4. Allow verbal and physical abuse to always be treated as a bullying incident.
5. Just ignore it and believe it will go away.
6. Encouraging the victim to stand up and fight back.
7. Failing to understand the world of cyber bullying.
8. Failing to provide community education on bullying.
9. Failing to provide prevention, intervention, and consequences for bullying.
10. Believe that bullies only exist among kids.

# What Bullying is “Not”

1. Holding individuals accountable for their actions
2. Respectfully disagreeing with others
3. Simply maintaining a position of authority
4. Being a part of a powerful group or system
5. Standing up for what is right

# Are We Generalizing Behavior by Labeling It “Bullying”

1. Not everything that we label as bullying should truly be defined that way
2. When we compartmentalize behavior we fail to treat it which impacts our culture and climate.
3. Victims do not know labels; they only know abuse

# Ten Ways to Reduce Bullying in Your School and Community

1. Treat bullying as a total community issue from education to reporting to solutions
2. Learn current youth culture
3. Develop model policies
4. Do not treat the term, Treat the behavior
5. Engage in on-going cyber education
6. Ensure due process for those affected
7. Increase peer helper support programs
8. Campaign for civility in your school and community
9. If it is a crime say it is a crime
10. Understand "Dad! These Are Not Your Bullies!"

# For More Information

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